GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CYBER CAFE RUN BY MILITANT OUTFITS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militant outfits provide their agents with lavish funds to set up cyber cafÃ© and STD booths in the city as these are perfect cover for them as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated December 25, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of militant/terrorist attack cases detected by the police in which cyber cafÃ©/STD Booths were used by militants as cover; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government and the direction given to the State Governments that these are not misused by anyone?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Delhi Police have detected one case in which a terrorist was found to have set up a computer centre in New Delhi with the support and financial assistance of Pak ISI. In another case the terrorists and conspirators were found to be frequent users of a Cyber CafÃ©.

(c): Police have sensitized their personnel to keep a close watch on the cyber cafes and STD Booths in their jurisdiction to ensure that these facilities are not misused. No specific advisory in the matter has been issued to the State Governments as such preventive measures form an integral part of normal policing.